

LITERARY NOTES.

Under the title "Bye Words," Miss Yonge has just published a volume of nine or ten short tales adapted to youthful readers. Some of them are old and some are entirely new.

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Mr. Justin Winsor, writing in *The Literary World* of book-buying thirty years ago, says of Dr. Cogswell's purchases for the Astor Library that he brought away with him from Europe 60,000 volumes, at a cost of only \$63,000, or an average of \$6 per volume, and thus for books proper for a reference library, Dr. Cogswell landed in Europe with an original credit of \$20,000, and the first 20,000 volumes that he purchased cost him only \$27,000. At a later time a man by name of Thomas Bowden, who was seeking to buy the same books, told him what would cost to buy the necessary 60,000. He replied that for a collection of 60,000 appropriate volumes, in good bindings, the sum of \$75,000 would be necessary, provided the books were bought as good chance offers. The man said, "If so much, then the cost, he said, would be from \$125,000 to \$150,000."

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